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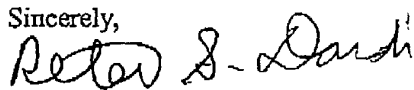
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) Interview Summary.

Sincerely,



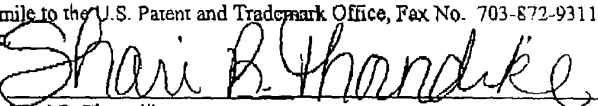
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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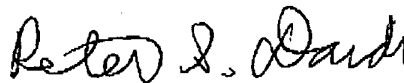
Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' undersigned representative in a telephone interview on January 10, 2003. Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the cited art, and in particular the differences between the Bi et al. reference of record and the present application, which have overlapping inventors. The Examiner noted that technically the Bi et al. reference disclosed a coating. Applicants' representative noted, however, the Bi et al. reference did not point at all in the direction of the present invention. Since the Bi et al. reference does not point in the general direction of the present invention, the combination in the obviousness rejection did not follow. Furthermore, the Bi et al. reference does not provide the motivation to combine with other coating approaches. Applicants' representative noted the revolutionary concept of combining a coating simultaneously along a line from a reactive flow. The approach of the present application provides a dramatic increase in speed while achieving a very high quality coating. The Examiner indicated that he would take these comments under consideration.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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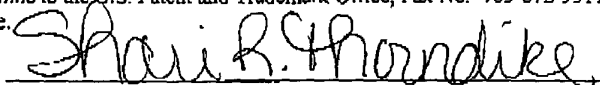
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